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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 14368

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SEATO, TH

SUBJECT: FUTURE OF SEATO

1. JULY 17 BANGKOK WORLD HEADLINED "SEATO'S FATE IN THE BALANCE." BRIEF ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE STATES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD THE PRESS ON JULY 17 THAT IT WAS ABOUT TIME AN UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED WITH ALLIES, ESPECIALLY THE PHILIPPINES, OVER THE FUTURE OF SEATO. HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE CHANGES HE HAD IN MIND, ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD BE A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN KHUKRIT AND PRESIDENT MARCOS WHEN THEY MEET IN THE PHILIPPINES ON JULY 21.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE HEADLINES SOMEWHAT EXAGGERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF SEATO IN RELATION TO THE OTHER TOPICS WHICH THE THAI AND PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENTS WILL DISCUSS IN THEIR FORTHCOMING MEETING, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS INITIATIVE TO BE A HEALTHY ONE. EMBASSY OFFICER WAS IN CONVERSATION WITH KEY MFA OFFICIAL ON JULY 17, WHO VOLUNTEERED HE WAS IN FACT WORKING ON A PAPER CONCERNING SEATO FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MANILA. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MFA OFFICIAL CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE

ASIAN MEMBERS TO HAVE A SERIOUS MEETING OF THE MINDS ON  
SEATO IN RELATION TO THE EVENTS NOW TAKING PLACE IN  
SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE ADDED THAT THE RTG IS LOOKING FORWARD  
TO THE 20TH COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK AND HOPED THAT  
THE ASIAN VIEWS ON SEATO MIGHT BE FULLY DISCUSSED ON  
THAT OCCASION.

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